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1. At a conference of the National Democratic Party (NDP) in the offices of the National-Zeitung 22-23 May some fifteen German organizers received instructions from three Russian officers on the tasks assigned the NDP. They were told that the NKFD was planned from the beginning as an instrument for furthering Russian policy through use of the German officer corps. The same bourgeois groups are now to be used to extend Russian influence to the West. The other bourgeois parties have failed in this task. It now remains for the NDP to use its connections with the officer corps and other elements of the traditional bourgeoisie to win favor in the West.

2. The temporary committee of the NDP located in Potsdam was renamed Zonal Committee effective 18 June. Three members of this committee began negotiations 17 June to work out a common program with the National Democrats of Hesse. One of the participants was Georg von Ralmer who had just come from Wiesbaden. It is not known whether Ralmer belongs to the Potsdam group or to the Hessian group; he has been given lodgings on Nauener Strasse, Potsdam, by Russian city headquarters. The negotiations are being conducted in a villa on Hagerallee which is expected to become NDP headquarters.

3. The head of the NDP in Potsdam is Dr. Kolzenburg who had not officially announced his resignation from the SED as of 29 May 1948. In 1942 Kolzenburg was an SS-Hauptsturmführer in the Hauptamt für Justizsachen located at Bendlerstrasse 10; later he moved his office to Wilhelmstrasse. In January 1943 he volunteered for front line duty and was assigned to the "Adolf Hitler" division. In March 1943 he was taken prisoner south of Kharkov. He soon joined the Bund deutscher Offiziere and the NKFD. According to one source Kolzenburg returned to Germany as a Russian agent soon after his capture and remained there.

It is reported that the program of the Democratic Peasant Party (DBP) was drawn up by Sergeev, Agricultural officer of the Political Division of SMA. The chairman, Goldenbaum, was a member of the SED; he was in the Wehrmacht and became an active member of the NKFD after his capture.

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Comment: Rudolf Albrecht, Deputy Chairman, is a member of the Brandenburg Landtag and Chairman of the VdGB. He was born 14 February 1902 in Königshütte, joined the KPD in 1945 and the SED in 1946; member of the Board of Directors of the "Kurmark" cooperative.)

Both Goldenbaum and Albrecht receive their instructions from Walter Ulbricht. The SED is seeking persons for leading posts in the DBP that are not too well known for past activity in the SED and VdGB. The personnel section of the SED is keeping a card index on all members of the DBP.

Another source reports that efforts were made to obtain Andreas Hermes for the DBP. Negotiations were handled through Hermes' Berlin office; Hermes apparently rejected the offer unconditionally.

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